



03.04.021 Transportation of Hazardous Materials

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Purpose

To provide guidelines for the transportation of hazardous materials on AMHS vessels.

Scope

Company Safety Officer, Port Captains, Commercial Services Manager, Vessel Masters, Loading Officers, Pursers, Terminal Agents, Customer Service Agents

Policy

- I. The Alaska Marine Highway System will follow the guidelines set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations¹ as enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - a. The U.S. Coast Guard classifies all Alaska Marine Highway System's vessels as "Passenger Vessels".
 - i. As a "Passenger Vessel" AMHS is required to follow vessel stowage regulations contained within 49 CFR², Part 172.101 (Hazardous Materials Table).
 - ii. Final determination of items categorized as "Special Circumstances" rests with the Port Captains Office.
- II. See reference 03.04.021A Transportation of Hazardous Materials³ for a list of materials that are either restricted from travel on the vessels or require special handling for non-commercial traffic. Commercial traffic inquiries for items requiring special handling or restrictions should contact the Commercial Services Manager.
 - a. The Vessel Master, or Loading Officer has the authority to deny these items if deemed in the best interest of the vessel, crew, and passengers.
 - b. Customers should declare any items contained on reference 03.04.021A to the Purser and/or Loading Officer prior to boarding the vessel for inspection.
 - c. Further inquiries and clarification of the transportation of hazardous materials may be made through the Company Safety Officer and/or the Port Captains office.
 - i. If the travel is imminent, then the Vessel Loading Officer may be contacted for clarification.
- III. If the customer cannot identify questionable commodities then the commodity will not be transported on any AMHS vessel.
- IV. Pre-Authorization for transport of questionable commodities:
 - a. Is requested from the Port Captain's office.
 - b. Is dependent upon accuracy and detail of information provided.
 - c. Information needed for pre-authorization:
 - i. Commercial name of item,
 - ii. Chemical makeup OR the closest known description,
 - iii. UN number or NA number, which are identification numbers printed on commodity labels,
 - iv. Quantity of item requesting to be transported,
 - v. How the item is packaged^A,
 - vi. Copy of Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

^A EXAMPLE: 12 boxes of 24-quart metal cans/glass containers, 55-gallon drums, loose boxes or palletized, etc.

- d. The Vessel Master, or Loading Officer has authority to deny the pre-authorization if deemed in the best interest of the vessel, crew, and passengers.

Responsibilities

1. Company Safety Officer:
 - a. Ensures reference 03.04.021A is up to date and correct.
 - b. Offers clarification on restrictions as needed, and pre-authorizations.
2. Port Captain's Office:
 - a. Retains copies of the "Code of Federal Regulations", 49 CFR.
 - b. Interprets Code of Federal Regulations, and other applicable hazardous materials compliance guidelines.
 - c. Provides clarification of restrictions when necessary.
 - d. Approves or denies pre-authorizations.
3. Commercial Services Manager:
 - a. Approves or denies transport of hazardous materials with commercial traffic.
 - b. If unable or unsure of restrictions, will contact the Port Captain's office for guidance.
4. Customer Service Agents, Terminal Agents:
 - a. Provides information to customers as necessary.
 - b. Enters information into booking to advise crew of items requiring special handling or pre-authorization of questionable commodities.
 - c. Directs customers to the appropriate manager or office for further clarification on restrictions or for pre-authorization of items.
5. Pursers:
 - a. Is informed by customers of items requiring special handling and/or pre-authorization.
 - b. Informs the Loading Officer and/or Master of the items for special handling.
6. Vessel Master or Loading Officer:
 - a. Makes final safety determination on whether or not to transport items.
 - b. Loading Officer will ensure items requiring special handling are inspected and the properly loaded in such a way as not to endanger passengers, crew, the vessel, vehicles or other cargo.

Forms

None

Revision History

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References

[Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Reference 03.04.021A](#)

¹ DOT Special Permit 7465

DOT Special Permit 7928

DOT Special Permit 11232

International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

Title 17, Chapter 70, 17 AAC 70.190. Dangerous or Objectionable Articles

² Code of Federal Regulations, 49 CFR

³ AMHS Master's Action Circular 07-002, dated June 28, 2007